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STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

On April 16, 2008, Applicants' undersigned agent filed form PTOL-85 and authorized payment of the required fees. Applicants have not yet received an Issue Notification. Applicants hereby respectfully request the Patent Office to notify Applicant as to the status of this matter.

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